handicrafts and handloom of textile industry at the beginning and at the end of 90's are given below :

Sl. No.	Item	Employment (In Lakh)	
		31-3-1990	31-3-1999
1.	Cotton/Man-made fibre textile mill sector (Non-SSI)	11.02	10.37
2.	Cotton/man-made fibre spinning (SSI)	0.24*	0.29
3.	Man-made fibre and filament yarn industry	0.56.#	0.74
4.	Decentralized powerloom sector	26.10	39.98
5.	Woollen industry	—	12.00
6.	Readymade garment industry	30.00	35.40

* As on 31-03-1997

As on 31-03-1992

Lockout in Khardah Jute Mill

4089. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Khardah Jute Mill, a public sector National Jute Manufacturing Mill has declared lockout rendering ten thousand employees jobless;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to get the mill opened ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. There was a work suspension with effect from 25-06-2001 in the Khardah unit of NJMC affecting 2150 permanent workmen.

(b) The work suspension in Khardah unit was declared since the Budli workmen illegally struck work with effect from 19-03-2001 and created law and order problem in protest against retirement of 208 workmen, who had already superannuated.

(c) The work suspension has ceased with effect from 3-8-2001, following a tripartite meeting held on 2-8-2001 and signing of a Memorandum of Settlement.